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**From:** Palich, Christian [palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/19/2018 2:38:46 PM  
**To:** Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request from Sens. Bennet and Casey to meet with Admin Wheeler on methane FW: NSPS Comments  
**Attachments:** Sens. Bennet et al to EPA on NSPS Methane.pdf; ATT00001.htm; EPA response to Sen. Bennet et al on O&G amendments proposal AL-19-000-0312io.docx; ATT00002.htm

Can we chat about this today? Wanted to see if you have any insight on why this was hung up.

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Davis, Matthew" <[Davis.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Davis.Matthew@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** December 19, 2018 at 9:37:41 AM EST  
**To:** "Lyons, Troy" <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>, "Palich, Christian" <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Frye, Tony (Robert)" <[frye.robert@epa.gov](mailto:frye.robert@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request from Sens. Bennet and Casey to meet with Admin Wheeler on methane FW: NSPS Comments

The response has been with Bill or others in the OAR IO for a while now. I'm really not sure what the holdup has been. I think it's possible that they were thinking that they didn't want to respond until the comment period closed, but that would just be a guess on my part. I've asked about it every week at our letters meeting. I've attached the original incoming and the draft response.

Thanks,  
Matthew

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2018 9:08 AM  
**To:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Frye, Tony (Robert) <[frye.robert@epa.gov](mailto:frye.robert@epa.gov)>; Davis, Matthew <[Davis.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Davis.Matthew@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request from Sens. Bennet and Casey to meet with Admin Wheeler on methane FW: NSPS Comments

Matthew—why did the Senators not receive a response back?

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**From:** Palich, Christian  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2018 9:05 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Frye, Tony (Robert) <[frye.robert@epa.gov](mailto:frye.robert@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Request from Sens. Bennet and Casey to meet with Admin Wheeler on methane FW: NSPS Comments

FYI. What's your thoughts on this?

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**From:** Davis, Matthew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:49 PM  
**To:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Haman, Patricia <[Haman.Patricia@epa.gov](mailto:Haman.Patricia@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Frye, Tony (Robert) <[frye.robert@epa.gov](mailto:frye.robert@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Request from Sens. Bennet and Casey to meet with Admin Wheeler on methane FW: NSPS Comments

Pat, Christian,  
I just got a follow-up letter and comment from Sens. Bennet and Casey on the oil and gas methane rule (OOOOa). They are expressing their frustration for not getting a response back on their previous letter on this topic and requesting a meeting with Administrator Wheeler. I will put this in CMS for a response and request it be put in the docket as they have requested. How would you like to proceed with the meeting request? Let me know if you'd like me to help get back in touch with Candace to gather further information or get schedulers looped in.  
Thanks,  
Matthew

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**From:** Vahlsing, Candace (Bennet) <[Candace\\_Vahlsing@bennet.senate.gov](mailto:Candace_Vahlsing@bennet.senate.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:25 PM  
**To:** Davis, Matthew <[Davis.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Davis.Matthew@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Tarr, Adam (Casey) <[Adam\\_Tarr@casey.senate.gov](mailto:Adam_Tarr@casey.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** NSPS Comments

Hi Matt,

I called your earlier to give you a heads up. Please find a letter from Senator Bennet and Casey on the methane NSPS rule that requests a meeting with Acting Administrator Wheeler.

Happy to provide more details.

Candace